

PERSONAL MENTION.

MARRIAGE GOSSIP AND NOTES.

Arrivals, Departures—A Cotemporary's Mistake—
The Postmaster-General's Private Secretary
—Family of New York's New Senator
—Senator Morrill's Party.

Few of the Senators' wives were forced to "at home" to callers Thursday, but many of them were able to entertain callers at their hotels receiving in their private parlors. Senator and Mrs. Platt, of New York, who are at the Arlington, are looking for a house to establish themselves in the city. Mrs. Platt is a very charming woman, and will again be much prized in the social life of the capital, as in the days of her husband's congressional service. They have three children.

Senator and Mrs. Miller, at Willard's, have a lovely daughter, Miss Dorra, who accompanied her father to the congressional reception at the White House Thursday evening. She represents the best type of the new generation of Washington society.

Apropos of Pacific Coast belles, "Mauchant," the well-informed New York correspondent of the *Sacramento Record-Union*, has the following to say of the daughter of the late Senator John D. Mills, who is also called "Tina," as a pet name from her pettite figure. Miss Mills will be remembered as one of the group of young ladies who visited Washington during New Year's time. At a state dinner given by the president, she was the guest, and escorted his fiancée to the table. The parents of Miss Mills now reside in New York: "A marriage in which citizens of the modern democracy are united," says the *Record-Union*. Tina is the only daughter of D. O. Mills, of the Bank of California, to Whitlaw Reid, of the New York *Tribune*. Reid has been married to her on the eve of her marriage to the senator, and has been, it is said, consequently, married women for ten years, at least. "Consequently," many people are incredulous of this last story; but there is no doubt of it. The arrangements have all been made, I am told, though I am not sure that the day has been positively fixed. The bride will be married, it is said, as the probable month. Miss Mills is said to be about half of Reid's age, given at forty-four. There will be the usual officiating, and the wedding will be a very quiet affair, because Mr. Mills is credited with owning wealth to the extent of from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000; but Reid is sufficiently well off in this world's goods to make a splendid wedding from mere monetary motives. Their intimate acquaintance, it is

are very fond of one another, and that she will be an excellent companion for him, as her mind is far more mature than her years would indicate. She is described as a very interesting person, and is a Quaker. Reid is a native of Ohio, having been born at Xenia, of a Scotch Covenantor father, and began journalism as soon as he had got through college, which was at seventeen. He distinguished himself on the Cincinnati *Gazette* as a war and Washington correspondent, and was present at the best battle accounts furnished during the rebellion. He still holds his pecuniary interest in the *Gazette*. It is twelve years since he went upon the *Tribune* at Horace Greeley's request, soon succeeding him as its chief. He controls fifty-one shares of the stock, and is a very influential member. He has published two excellent works, "The War" and "Ohio in the War"—which have been widely read and sold largely. Whitelaw Reid will doubtless be warmly welcomed by his many friends in the great army of American husbands.

with him to remain. Mrs. Starin's arm, which was so painfully injured by a carriage accident three weeks ago, was somewhat better when she left. The small bone of the upper arm received a fracture near the elbow. Few persons leave Washington more regretted than this choice family. The carriage of Mr. Howard Carroll to Miss Carey Starin, in May next, will take from her parents' home the last of four interesting sons and daughters. The others are handsomely established in New York city. Mr. Starin is the largest single owner of shipping in Fulton Harbor; but his family residence is at Fultonville, Montgomery County.

Mr. John R. Van Wormer, who was pleasantly known in Washington three years since as clerk of the National Academy of Music, is now here as executive secretary of the Onkling, is now here as

Miss Mosely, of Newburyport, who was one of the most admired young ladies at the reception by President and Mrs. Garfield Thursday evening, is a sister of the gentleman who last fall married Miss Mary Elizabeth Bennett, of Pease, and is at the Elbbitt, with her brother and his wife, on a visit to the latter's parents. Miss Mosely wore at the President's one of the richest toilets of the evening—a rose-pink silk with court train—a marvelously becoming dress. The fair wearer was duly complimented by Ben. C. Pease's gallant morning contemporary as wife of the Senator on whose arm she was promenading.

By an error in our own column the name of Miss Alice Blaine appeared as *Miss Edith Blaine* and Mrs. Van Antwerp as *Mrs. Van Antwerp*. Mr. Jesse Van Antwerp, a prominent member of the State bankers, who were present, spoke in high terms of the new administration for its discretion and good sense, assuring the confidence of the leading business men of the country.

A small but pleasant party was given by Senator

The Whitaker Court-Martial.
NEW YORK, March 18.—At the opening of the Whitaker court-martial this morning Mr. Hagan, an expert in handwriting, whose cross-examination was interrupted some time since in order to allow the expert to make further and more critical examination of Exhibit No. 27, turned up upon the witness stand. He stated that after a thorough examination of Exhibit No. 27, he had become thoroughly convinced that the person that wrote it did not write the note of warning. Ex-Governor Chamberlain then questioned the witness with re-

gand to different letters in the note of warning and their peculiar construction. The witness said he found a few letters in Exhibit No. 27 which in form are similar to those in the note of warning, but not nearly enough to warrant the assertion that the person who wrote No. 27 wrote also the note of

A Japanese Industrial Exhibition.
YOKOHAMA, March 2.—The National industrial exhibition was opened in Tokio yesterday with imposing ceremonies. The Mikado, attended by the Princes of the Blood and the Supreme Council and the heads of the departments, was present. The foreign ministers and members of the press were also present as invited guests.

Admiral Stacksberg, who, during Lexoffsky's illness, is in actual command of the fleet, still remains here with two vessels of war, and remarked that the Japanese minister paid very frequent visits to the Russians. Paper currency remains at a heavy discount, seriously interfering with trade. Preparations are being made for the government to receive the King of Hawaii, who is expected on the next steamer from San Francisco. It is stated that, from motives of economy, no minister will be appointed to succeed the late minister of trade, and the secretary of legation is remaining as charge d'affaires.

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Murdered by a Burglar.

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., March 18.—Samuel Heston, of this place, was murdered about three o'clock this morning by a burglar, who entered the house by prying open a window, and

ized directly to Mr. Clugston's room, who at once placed him in. In the ensuing scuffle Mr. Clugston was shot twice in the right breast, and died about half an hour afterwards. The entire neighborhood was aroused, and the country is being scoured for the murderer. It is believed that he cannot escape, since he left behind him his coat, vest, shoes, and hat, the latter marked "G.S." Mr. Clugston was at one time the owner of the Valley Grove Paper Mill. He leaves a wife and eleven children.

Secretary Blaine Denies It.

Secretary Blaine authorizes the statement that the item which was printed in New York to-day, purporting to give the results of recent negotiations between the British government and the United States, with reference to the subject of the Fortine Bay outrages, is entirely without foundation. No proposition has been made by Earl Granville to refer the question to dispute to Secretary Blaine and Sir Edward Thornton for a decision, and in the event of their disagreement to a referee.